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Letter from R. Barnwell Rhett, Jr. CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 7, 1876.

To the aditor of the New York Herald : Your issue of the 26th ult. contains an edi torial under the head of "An Opportunity for Barnwell Rhett." It compliments me highly for sincerity and capacity, for which I tender my acknowledgments. But while attributing to me an importance I do not possess, it in veighs against my efforts for the democratic party, and holds me up before the Northern public in a light both incorrect and injurious. The Herald of the 2d inst. and that of the 3d bring me forward again in condemnation of my course, which is misrepresented. This is unjust to me, to those Southern men whom I am supposed to represent and to the democratic ticket I support, and I therefore crave a small space in your columns to set myself right with you and to reach the great Northern public whose opinions are reflected by the Herald.

I find myself described in the Herald as "the chief of irreconcilables," and classed as one of those with whom "the lost cause is fresher and more potent than in war days," and the "war issues, which have long been forgotten

Suffer me to call your attention to a few meet the emergencies of the living present." have not made mention of "the lost cause." the "war issues." "The lest cause," "the oppressive satrapies put over them by the republican party and toward the political emis and systematic plunder to which the Southern people have been subjected since the war and ties, towns and citizens of every class. The

enmity.
The Herald correctly states that I "support with old time fervor Tilden and Hendricks. Tilden was a free soil democrat, and at Buffalo in 1848 supported Van Buren and Adams. In 1860 he was a squatter sovereignty democrat and supported Douglas. He was a Union man and war democrat in 1861, and afterward sustained Lincoln in the abolishment of slave intitutions in the South to break down "the lost cause" and make the war against the Southern Confederacy successful.

I submit that my recent record as a journalist and my support of Mr. Tilden refute the allegation that I am irreconcilable.

While described in the Herald as "a cool man,

with wide experience," I am yet placed in the category of those with whom "Northern men are carpet baggers-the Southern man who votes ace rling to his conscience is, if he votes republican, a scalawag," and with whom there "is the same spirit of antipathy towards the North that was manifested before the war."

The people of the South whem I represent traw a very wide distinction between the people of the North and the radical partisans of the North. They make a still wider distinction between Northern men coming to the South to engage in any regular business and bring capital, and the radical emissaries and political adventurers who have come here to array the begroes in opposition to the whites, and to use the power conferred upon the negroes for personal plunder and republican ascendancy, through the political depression, social degradation and pecuniary robbery of the whites. They are the authors of the "color line" and 'race issues," of the misrule and anarchy porvading every State which they govern.

If the people of the North and those who shape their opinion could notice the character of the negro radical governments imposed upon the Southern States they would marvel at our patience and burry the reform we seek. To enable you to get a faint idea of the government of South Carolina I will present a few hets-first as to the personnel of those who occupy the seats of power, and then, as to the abuse of their power, to the injury and prospoetive destruction of the people.

THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA. Executive Department - Governor, D. H. Chamberlain, white carpet-bagger from Massuchusetts; Lieut. Governor, R. H. Gleaves, mulatto carpet-bagger from Louisiana; Treasurer, F. L. Cardoza, mulatto scalawag, from outh Carolina; Secretary of State, H. E. livne, mulatto scalawag, from South Carolina; Attorney General, W. Stone, white carpet lagger, from Vermont; Superintendent of Edaction, J. K. Jillsen, while carpet bagger, rom ---- ; Adjutant and Inspector General, l. l. Purvis, mulatto carpet-bagger, from

'mosylvania. Legislative Department-President of the mate, R. H. Gieaves, mulatto carpet-bagzer from Louisiana. Of 33 senators, 26 are ta heals, 7 conservatives, 19 are negroes and unlattoes, 4 white carpet baggers, 3 white scalawigs, and 7 white conservatives or demo-

Of 124 members of the House of Represenlatives, 91 are radicals, 33 conservatives, 75 are negroes or mulattoes, 8 white carpet baggers, 8 white scalawags and 33 white conser-

varives or democrats. Judiciary Department-The Supreme Court white scalawag from South Carolina; first Asgetate Justice, A. I. Willard, white carpetrisger, from New York; second Associate public funds extracted from the scant means of Justice, J. J. Wright, negro carpet bagger, an impoverished people, a party whose official from Pennsylvania. The Circuit Courts are career is steeped in prefligacy to the lips, whose hid by 8 judges, elected by the Legislature. corruption, from its mammoth proportions, of these 3 are carpet baggers, 3 scalawags overshadows the land and threatens to unsettle bottle. [my 23] JANNEY & CO. and 2 conservatives—1 republican and 1 dem-

In 1860 the taxable property of this State

offices.

Now the taxable property of the State, by an extravagant assessment of lands, is \$140,000,-000, and South Carolina is set down in the census as thirtieth State in taxables. Yet the annual State tax collected is \$1,500,000. The Legislature, sitting for months, and each mem ber paid \$600 and milage, costs the State \$103,000. The public printing costs \$50 000, and, for several years, \$150,000. The State officials are now heads of departments and employ clerks to do their business. Offices are multiplied and salaries largely increased for the benefit of a crew of political bummers and cormorants feeding on the people. The State government, in addition to the expense of the Legislature, now costs in the neighborhood of

\$800,000 annually. Siece 1868, when this party got pessession of the government, the amount of taxes collected for State and county purposes has been \$18,000,000. During the first three years, in addition to the debt of five or six million dollars funded in 1869, \$12,000,000 of bonds and \$2,000,000 were is-ned; and in 1873-4, \$12,-000,000 were repudiated absolutely or by funding at hity cents on the dollar. With a few exceptions the counties are all in debt, and their checks are at a heavy discount, and the people of the State are in abject poverty.

If Barnum or the Centennial Commissioners would collect and exhibit at Philadelphia for a few weeks the Legislature of this State in session the spectacle would draw. The republican government of South Carolina, in the United States of America, in the year of our Lord 1876 and the 100th year of the Union, would shock the civilization of the world. Every honest republican of the North would stand aghast at the horrible mockery of free coverement and would become a reformer, as

The Herald wants to be rid of sectional questions, wants the Southern people to "reform their politics," to "throw over politics alto-gether," to "support the republican ticket." It complains et "color line" and "race issues." But who made them; who keep them up? They were made by the republican emissaries facts. Upon my re-entrance on the stage of of the Freedman's Bureau. They are kept up editorial life, in the Charleston Journal of by the carpet-baggers and scalawags. These Commerce, a few weeks since, I distinctly an are the stock in trade of the radical party, and nounced: "The issues of the days gone by are without them their occupation would be gone. fought. We have reverently buried our dead, | Southern white men are compelled in self-deand propose to march forward from the past to fence to try and protect their property from confiscation, their civilization from debauchery and their liberties from political slavery. Does I have not alluded to "the war" or to any of the Herald expect them, in the face of such an invasion, to put their hands on their mouths war" and "war issues" have nothing to do and their heads in the dust, and surrender free with the "bitterness" felt by the entire white ly the property left from the wreck of the war population of the Southern States toward the and the eleven years worse than war which have followed? Are they to give up all, and then thank God they are radicalized and Afrisaries who have done the dicty work of band ing the negroes in hostility to the whites. The cated by the Herald, "the peace which will be incidents in the lives of colored men they do feeling is produced by the gross misgovernment peace, indeed;" the "repose" we have not and not enjoy the more confiscation arranged under and systematic plunder to which the Southern do not exhibit? do not exhibit ?

But the Herald suggests that finance, free which are fast bankrupting these States, coun- trade, centralization, the constitutional relations of the States to the general government, reagents of the ruin are honestly regarded as the form, civil service and general improvement worst enemies of their dupes the negroes, and of the whites—the victims of their rapacity and for discussion and for popular suffrage." Now, for discussion and for popular suffrage." Now, on all these questions the people of the South. whom I represent, oppose the republican party. and in principle and policy agree with the democratic party. Therefore, without the slightest reference to the "lost cause," "the war" or "war issues," and "accepting the inev table" as men of common sense and practical politics," they purpose to support Mr. Tilden and the demo cratic party. As to the allegation that the Southerners "have striven to being the Union back to what it was before the war," it seems to us very far-fetched and, if I may be pardoned, fatuitous. With the abolishment of the slave institutions of the South, the overthrow of the Southern Confederacy, with the wreck of a terrible four years' war, and the waste and destruction of the last nine years of negro radical domination, to talk about this section exercising the power in the Union she formerly did is to conjure up a phantom and ghost of the past, forever gone. In the lan-guage of Daniel Webster, Northern men should not be carried away by fancies, of gorgons, hydras and chimeras dire, to the utter disregard of all that is substantially valuable, important and essential in the administration of

the government." The people of the Southern States believe that the liberties of a free people are embodied in their fundamental law, and that constitional limitations of power can alone establish freedom in governments. Those who assume for the general government at Washington the reserved rights guaranteed to the States through the constitution, and would, by construction, convert the States into more convenient circles for minor local legislation, possessed of no political power, practically strike out the States. Then there are no States and no union of States, and nothing is left but centralized, constitutionless, absolute power in the hands of a majority in in Congress, ruling the country by secret party caucuses. So far as the minerity is concerned, such a government is utterly irresponsible and leaves them without protection or remedy. Whether injustice or oppression be imposed by one man at headquarters in the form of Caesarism or by ignorant and irresponsible numbers scattered in remote sections of a vast country. the burden is just as heavy and hard to bear. And as the passions of agrandizement, ambition or prejudice may dictate, a centralized government administered by the majority on the principle of "the general welfare overriding all checks and overruling all limitatians embodied in the constitution," will subject the helpless minority to all manner of injuries fatal to their liberties and their prosperity. Such are the principles and policy of the republican party, And, looking wholly to the future, the people of the South hold them to be incompatible with the existence of free government. It is easy to understand how those of the North, whose politics are controlled by short sighted sectional greed, ambition or ill feeling, can sustain the republican party. But it is hard to comprehend how men can still support it who aspire to constitutional liberty for the whole country; who desire a Union of patriotic leve and mutual regard-a Union in fact and not in name only-who would nourish the productive industries, rehabilitate the financial resources, restore the credit and place the currency and bonded debt on the firm basis of a well governed, hormonious and prospering people. It is difficult to understand, because the republican party would continue to subject Consists of 3 judges-Chief Justice F. I. Moses, the Southern States to the tyranny and anarchy, spoliation and imbecility of carpet bag satraps. It is a party which has squandered the

The people of the Southern States believe | NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES and prime Carolina Rice just received by government is based. was \$607.818.288. The annual State tax was that the democratic party is the only party that aug 11 Some and cach member paid \$3 per diem and milage, cost the State \$18,000. The public printing that the democratic party is the only party of the state \$18,000. The public printing that the democratic party is the only party of the state \$18,000. The public printing that the democratic party is the only party of the o

ALEXA GAZETTE & VIRGINIA ADVERTISER | costs about \$16,000. The State officials were | Union party, whose principles and policy can paid salaries on a par with those now paid in re-establish good government, with reform, the smaller New England States, and indivi- economy and stability, and give confidence and dually performed the duties of their respective security to capitalists, property holders and business men throughout the country. Unless it be successful in the pending election we judge that no man can foretell the future. It is the last chance for good and stable government in the United States. After the defeat of the demo-

eratic party now-the deluge. If these views appear to you wild let me direet your attention to the premonitions and forebodings of men of more acknowledged authority at the North than myself.

Thomas Jefferson, shortly before his death, wrote as follows to Mr. Holmes, a member of Congress from one of the New England States : "I regret that I am now to die in the belief that the useless sacrifice of themselves by the generation of 1776 to acquire self government and happiness of their country is to be thrown away by the unwise and unworthy passions of their sons, and that my only consolation is to be that I shall not live to weep over it."

Daniel Webster, only a year or two before his death, said in the Senate: "It is not to be denied that we live in the midst of strong agitations, and are surrounded by very considerable dangers to our institutions and government. I have a part to act, not for my own security or safety, for I am looking out f r no fragment upon which to float away from the wreck, if such there must be, but for the good of the whole and the preservation of all. Never did there devolve on any generation of men higher tenets than now devolve upon us for the preservation of this constitution and the harmony and peace of all who are destined to live under it. We have a great popular constitutional government, guarded by law and by judicature and defended by the affections of the whole people. No monarchical throne presses these States together; no iron chain of military power ancircles them They live and stand under a government popular in its form representative in its character, founded upon principles of equality, and so constructed, we hope as to last forever. In all its history it has been beneficent; it has trodden down no man's liberty; it has crushed no State. Its daily respiration is liberty and patriotism." Mr Seward, after trying in vain to carb the

headlong career of the republican party to revolutionize the government, spent his last years in mourning, and died, it is said, in gloom and de; ression concerning the future of the country. And Charles Summer, in his last discourse at dinner table, gave utterance to the forebodings

he felt about coming events, and dreaded an-arrhy and bloodshed for the North. The present, so far as we can see, is a great crisis and turning point in the destintes of the United States, and the people of the Southern States intend to struggle faithfully to make and to keep the government of the United States a

free government. The Herald urges that the white people of the South "give the negro political equality." They are willing to give them all that the laws grant them, to let them reach freely their own proper level and to protect them as thoroughly as they protect whites. The democrats of the South appreciate their good qualities, know their industrial value and have kind feelings toward. them. But they do not propose, "on account of race, color or previous condition of slavery," to make rulers and statesman out of ignorant hotel waiters, beggarly bootblacks and well used to compel men to stand and deliver the means of bread for themselves and their families, it is all one, equally unsatisfactory and distressing. Negro politicians, the tools and hench men of the radical carpetbuggers and scalawags, are not admired or beloved by those who are their victims. But the great body of the colored population are not disliked. The democrats of the South are their best friends, and, so far as "having nothing to do with them," as you conjecture, expect to convince many of their friend-ship, and by their aid to carry the democratic

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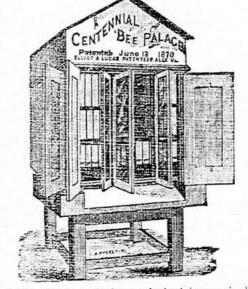
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